

Susan Glaspell (Cook)

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business as a member of the Witmer & Kauffman agency, continuing an interest in that firm until the present; became one of the founders of the Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines in 1917 and served as president twenty-nine years, the last two years as chairman of the board; attained prominence in the business and financial circles of Des Moines, a director of numerous local institutions; served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Des Moines committee, a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal church; headed liberty loan and Red Cross drives; married Oct. 10, 1900, to Mell Howell, daughter of J. W. Howell, who survives with three children, Mrs. E. T. Meredith, Jr., John H. Kauffman, Eustis, Florida, and Ray Kauffman.

Mr. Kauffman devoted much time to public affairs, though never seeking office; headed the committee of insurance agents of Iowa in securing in 1915 the enactment of a fire rating anti-discrimination law; also a few years later assisted in movement for the establishment of the state department of banking separate from the state auditor's office; served as an arbitrator in labor-management disputes, strongly believing in conciliation and co-operation; served as president of the Iowa banker's association, and was also vice-chairman of the Iowa loan committee of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and a member of the Iowa banking board, a former president of the Des Moines Pioneer club, a member of the University club, Des Moines club, and Wakonda club; a trustee of Drake University, the Edmundson Memorial Foundation, and the Methodist hospital, a director of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. and the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa; a member of the Masonic order; originally a Republican, but during the Herring state administration became affiliated with the Democratic party; a member of the Amherst alumni council and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

SUSAN GLASPELL (COOK), novelist and playwright, died at Provincetown, Massachusetts, July 27, 1948; born at Davenport, Iowa, July 1, 1882, the daughter of the late Elmer and Alice Glaspell; educated in the Davenport schools and was a reporter upon the *Davenport Morning Republican*, when Charles Eugene Banks was city editor; attended Drake University at Des Moines, and later at Chicago University; became a political and legislative reporter on the *Des Moines News* and later on the *Des Moines Capital* before writing features for magazines, her writings occasioning favorable comment.

Miss Glaspell married George Cram "Jiggs" Cook, another native Davenport, April 14, 1913, and he died in 1923. Her first novel, "The Glory of the Conquered," was published in 1909, and her second, "The Visioning," in 1911. "Lifted Masks," "Fidelity," "Trifles" and "Suppressed Desires," the latter written in collaboration with her husband followed between then and 1917. About this time her interest was shifted to playwriting and the theatre. She met young Eugene O'Neil, through the Providence group, and helped him along the way to fame by producing three of his plays, having founded with her husband the original Provincetown Playhouse, where she spent most of her later years in the east. In 1926 she published a book on the life and adventures in Greece of her late husband, under the title, "The Road to the Temple."

Her play, "Allison's House," won her the Pulitzer prize in 1930, and she was also the author of a number of other plays and novels. Her last published volume was "Judd Rankin's Daughter" which appeared in 1945.

JOHN A. STOREY, banker, jurist and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, October 7, 1948; born on a farm in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1851; graduated from Washington and Jefferson college, Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1874; after teaching and studying law came to Greenfield, Iowa, in 1875, and admitted to the Iowa bar in 1876; practiced law until 1905; first elected to Iowa house of representatives in 1883, serving in the Twentieth and Twenty-first General Assemblies from Adair county; elected presidential elector in 1884, and delegate to the Republican national convention in 1900 from the Ninth district; appointed district judge of the Fifth judicial district in 1895, and became special assistant attorney general of the United States in 1899 and 1900; moved to Omaha in 1900 becoming prominent in the bar of that city, then in 1905 to Indianola, Iowa, where he engaged in banking; elected in 1921 as representative from Warren county, serving in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth General Assemblies; in later years resided with his son, John A. Storey, Jr., 4429 Kingman blvd., Des Moines, in addition to whom he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy S. Watson, Roanoke, Virginia; and at the time of his death was the oldest in early legislative service of surviving members of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers association.

FRANCIS J. L. BECKMAN, retired archbishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa, died at Chicago, October 17, 1948; born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25, 1875; received his early training there at St. Lawrence school; prepared for the priesthood at St. Gregory's preparatory seminary and Mt. St. Mary of the

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